



LARC



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President's Message

Looks like we are getting off to a good start for 2012. I foresee that we are going to have a GREAT hamfest this year. At this time everything is falling into place, thanks to our Assistant Hamfest Chairman, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP. Glen has really been busy making phone calls, e-mails, solicitation for vendor participation, donations for door prizes and any other avenues that can enhance our 52nd AARA 2012 Hamfest.

I think Glen and I have learned a few things getting this hamfest on the road, one thing is to take the pre-registration forms off the Hamfest website until next year, some people were using the 2011 forms, another was to delete the previous "Electronic Distribution" list and start with a new one. I found that many had changed e-mails or became SK's over the last several years. There are some other improvements that can be made for next year's Hamfest.

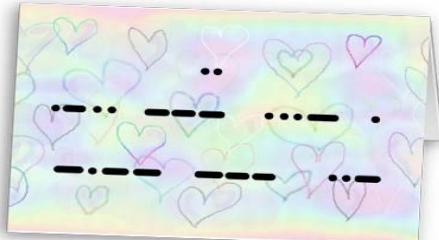
The February 2nd General Meeting will consist of election of officers for the year 2012-2013. The Nomination Committee Chairman Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD presented the committee's proposed slate of officers at the January meeting. They are: President - Herman Campbell KN5GRK, V. President - Paul Scallan K5VSH, Treasurer - Joy Breaux, Secretary - Sandra LeBlanc KE5KJF, Board Members - Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP & Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD. Nominations will be taken from the floor and elections held. If Herman should be elected for a second term, a third board member will need to be elected. The newly elected officers will be installed at the March General Meeting which will be held on the Saturday after the AARA Hamfest (March 17). Remember, you must be a paid up member in order to vote or run for office. I would like to see more members get involved in our club. Get Involved! Take some of the work load off the older guys and gals and get some experience of being part of our great hobby.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
AARA President

AARA Club Meeting - Thursday February 2, 2012 @ 7:00 pm at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM - Bring CSCE, Copy of License, Photo ID, & Test Fees

Valentine's Day



February 14, 2012

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR
2012 - 2013
AARA CLUB
MEMBERSHIP**

Check out the ARRL Louisiana Section Web Page at:
<http://www.laarrl.org>

SkyWarn Net Activated

On the afternoon and early evening of January 25, 2012, a batch of severe weather approached Lafayette Parish from the West with some thunderstorm tops to 50,000'.



Ed Roy WA5TNK, Lafayette Parish EC, brought up the SkyWarn Net at 1642 hrs local time on the 145.37 repeater, taking check-ins from numerous local hams and asking for observations.

Numerous severe thunderstorm warning were issued as the line moved eastward at 15-18 mph. Some thunderstorms were tracking up the line toward the northeast at above 60 mph.

A Tornado Watch was issued for all of SW Louisiana as a short wave rotated through the area. (until 0300Z).

The system moved through the Acadiana area producing reported wind gusts of 10 - 30 mph, lightning, and heavy rain. No major injuries or damage reported. Around 2035 the system had passed thru the Acadiana area and the net closed at 2045.

Observers were: Ed WA5TNK, Mel WD5CAE, Herman KN5GRK, Glen KF5FNP, Calvin KD5JCT, Dane W5DLD, Grant KF5CNU, Nick KE5MWX, Paula KF5CNS, Terry N5QWA, Kris KD5QYV, Chuck KE5ZZM, Boisy KF5HEL, Charlie KI5XP, Keith WA5ISZ, Maureen KB5SMX, and Lance KF5NZB. GREAT JOB!

Ed Roy WA5TNK
Lafayette Parish EC

DATES TO REMEMBER**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday February 2nd @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE**2012 Orange Hamfest**

February 25, 2012

AARA 52nd Hamfest, Rayne, LA

March 9 & 10, 2012

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 - PL 103.5

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - 103.5

AARA OFFICERS 2011-2012

**President - Herman Campbell
KN5GRK**

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Vice Pres. - Archie Hill W5AG

Secretary - Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF

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W5EXI EchoLink

As you may know, we have had a few problems with the W5EXI EchoLink Link. Sometimes it will drop the link to the 146.820 repeater. The problems seem to come from the outdated computer located in Nick's office. It is running Windows 2000, a slow processor, and light on the RAM.

Well, thanks to Charlie Morrison KI5XP, the EchoLink will get an updated computer running Windows XP, more RAM and a faster processor. This should eliminate a lot of the down time. Hopefully the link will be up by the time you read this newsletter.

Eventually, work on the 147.040 site in Duson, LA will be finished and the W5EXI EchoLink will be returned to that repeater. I have not heard from Karl Fontenot on how the site is shaping up at this time but hopefully it will be in the near future.

**January 2012 VE Test
Results**

January 5, 2012 VE Test Session
Results:

Lance N Carmichael of Lafayette passed Technician. Assigned amateur call KF5NZB.

Vinko Vidak of Lafayette passed Technician. Assigned amateur call KF5NZC.

VE's present for this test session were:

Greg Dolan - K5LFT

Danny Griffith - K5ARH

PLEASE NOTE: The OAARA Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Association repeater is now on the air @ 147.150 with a PL of 103.5

Their Sunday night net will be called on this repeater beginning Sunday February 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM local time. NCS will be Ray N5LRZ.

**2012 Orange Hamfest
Hamfest/Convention**

Sponsored by: Orange ARC &
Jefferson County ARC

Date: February 25, 2012

Location: VFW Post 2775,
5303 16th St., Orange, TX
77630.

Time: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Talk-in: 147.180 (pl 103.5)

Admission: \$5.00

Grand Prizes:

Kenwood TS-480SAT HF radio

Kenwood TM-281A 2M mobile

Kenwood TH-K20A 2M HT

The tickets for the Grand Prize and door prizes are: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, etc. The Grand Prizes will be drawn at 2:30 p.m. You NEED NOT BE PRESENT for the Grand Prize drawings. You MUST BE PRESENT for all door prize drawings. Door Prize tickets will be put back in for The Grand Prize Drawings

**.MEETINGS and FORUMS
SC SCHEDULED**

8AM - 9AM - ARES District 9 EC's Meeting --- Brian Cater

9AM - 10AM - ARES Forum --- Lee Cooper and Tom Whiteside

10AM – 11:30AM - VE Testing --- Mike Faucheaux

11:30AM – 12:30 PM - ARRL Forum--- Dr. Dave Woolweaver and John Stratton

All Meeting / Forum times and content are subject to change.

VE TESTING

VE testing will start at 10:00 a.m. No Pre-registering. Just bring the original and a copy of your current FCC License and any C.S.C. E's, and Picture I.D. We will have the latest forms.

More info can be found on their website at:

<http://www.qsl.net/w5nd>

For questions you can email us at: orangearc@live.com



52nd ACADIANA HAMFEST

ARRL LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION

Sponsored by: Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

March 9th & 10th, 2012 Friday & Saturday Only!

Rayne Civic Center, Rayne, Louisiana



Rayne Civic Center, 300 Frog Festival Drive, Rayne, LA 70578 - just south of I-10 at Exit 87, go SOUTH on LA 35. Go to first traffic light and turn RIGHT on OAK STREET, then go to the second street and take a RIGHT onto GOSSEN MEMORIAL. Follow the street to the end, and you will be at the Rayne Civic Center.

FRIDAY CRAWFISH BOIL @ 6:00 PM

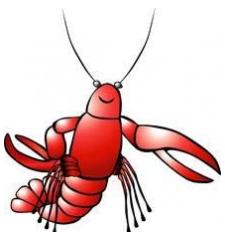
\$24 per person (advanced pre-registration)

Fais Do Do (Cajun Music/Dancing) @ 7:00 PM

Advanced reservations must be in by February 20, 2012

See website for Friday & Saturday Schedules.

Talk-in: 146.820 pl turned off



6 Main Raffle Prizes

Grand Prize: Icom IC-7200 HF+6M

2nd Prize: MFJ 269 Antenna Analyzer

3rd Prize: West Mountain Rigblaster Plus

4th Prize: Astron RS-35M Power Supply

5th Prize: Harbor Freight 800 watt generator

6th Prize: Harbor Freight 800 watt generator

(Need not be present to win.)

Plus door prizes awarded each half hour Saturday throughout the day. (Must be present to win.)

VENDORS:

PALMETTO ANTENNAS—REGAL-BROWN—MCM COMPUTERS—SIGN MAN OF BATON ROUGE—AUSTIN AMATEUR RADIO SUPPLY—GIFTS4HAMS/HAM PLAQUES—JMR SALES & MAYBE MORE!

You might want to go on line and visit the above vendors website and see if they have items you may wish to purchase and have them bring them to the hamfest. May save a few dollars in shipping. I have a listing to download our 2012 Hamfest Flyer and the Vendors websites at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

Check out the AARA 52nd 2012 Hamfest website at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/> for pre-registration forms and hamfest schedules for Friday and Saturday. Pre-registration for the "Crawfish Boil" ends on February 20, 2012.

Mark Spencer WA8SME, ARRL Education and Technology Program Coordinator, will be talking to some of the local educators and students Friday at 5:00 pm and doing some demos on robotics. Saturday immediately following the VE Test Session at 8:45 am, he will again speak to new hams on the subject: "**I have my license.....Now What!**"

The Fox Hunt at 11:00 am Saturday will be hosted by Nick Pugh K5QXJ. Nick says he has some new ideas for fox hunting he would like to tell us about. BTW, the winner will receive 100 door prize tickets for finding the fox.



January 2012 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- Herman gave the prayer and also prayed for Paul's wife Kathy.
- All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There were 20 members in attendance and 5 visitors.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during December. Rick mentioned that at www.archive.org you can read every issue of 73 Magazine from 1961-1993.
- Jess Gillion KF5LUL is the first to check into the net as Echo-Link, short time and portable.

Minutes:

The December minutes were not read as they were posted in the January LARC – accepted as written.

Business:

Herman KN5GRK asked Sandy KE5KJF to introduce Nicole Patin who works for the Teche News and is Executive Director for the Tour de Teche Canoe Race. Nicole came to thank the AARA club for the work they did with communications for the race. She mentioned that communications ran smoothly and was a great improvement over last year. The next Tour de Teche Canoe Race will be October 5-7, 2012. Nicole hopes that we can help again this year.

This year the race will be separated into Racing Groups (135 mile 3 day race) and Voyageur (shorter one day races). As of January 5th there is \$13,000 in prize money already committed.

In September there will be a Petit Tour du Teche for youngsters 5 – 17 years of age.

Nicole read the LARC and was very impressed with all that we do. She did mention that she understood some of the articles and that some of them flew right over her head. Nicole mentioned that the Teche News would be glad to give us publicity for the Hamfest and Field Day.

Financial Report:

The Financial Report was read by Joy Breaux, N5YCS. On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Jess Gillian KF5LUL, the Financial Report was accepted as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC, any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Old Business:

AMOS update – the antenna turner has not been ordered as yet. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP will drive AMOS to have the new tires put on. Jess Gillian KF5LUL has arranged for the tires. A new battery was installed before Field Day.

Update on the 147.040 repeater by Karl Fontenot. "We got the fence completed on Friday, Dec. 30th. Bill Vincent's office will schedule additional lightning and grounding suppression for Friday, Jan. 6th. I am working on the cable tray equipment and install as well as lighting controller re-install".

New Business:

Larry KE5KJD presented the nominating committee's slate of officers for 2012-2013:

President – Herman Campbell KN5GRK
 Vice President – Paul Scallan K5VSH
 Secretary – Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
 Treasurer – Joy Breaux N5YCS
 Member at Large – Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP
 Member at Large – Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD

At the February meeting, nominations from the floor will be taken, elections held and new officers will be installed at the March meeting (Saturday after the Hamfest).

Mark Saltzman KF5ENE did a good job reporting on the statistics for the Monday night net. He had a spreadsheet that gave how many times each member checked in during the year. There were 56 different call signs to check in on the AARA Monday Night Net. The top three were Herman KN5GRK, Mark KF5ENE, and Greg K5LFT. They checked in every week.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP (Assistant Hamfest Chairman) gave an update on the upcoming Hamfest.

1. Band - waiting to hear
2. Sound system - Chuck KE5ZZM will provide
3. Lion's Club - waiting to hear on price of crawfish
4. Dealers and Vendors - Palmetto Antennas, Sign Man of Baton Rouge, JMR Sales, Austin Amateur Radio Supply
5. RV Space \$20.00 per space & Table Fees - Tables are \$5.00 per table
6. Main Prizes List (must be present to win).
 - Grand Prize - Icom IC-7200
 - 2nd Prize - MFJ 269 Antenna Analyzer
 - 3rd Prize - West Mountain Rigblaster Plus (donated)
 - 4th Prize - Astron RS-35M Power Supply
 - 5th Prize - Harbor Freight 800 watt generator
 - 6th Prize - Harbor Freight 800 watt generator

We will not be doing the Special Event during the Hamfest.

Card checker – Wayne Gordon K5DF will be there.

Someone will contact Dave Norris, Delta Division, to come.

Nick Pugh K5QXJ will do the Fox Hunt.

Nick Pugh K5QXJ will check with AMSAT for the forums.

There will be a Technician Class at the Children's Museum on Thursdays beginning January 12th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nick Pugh K5QXJ will be in charge and will call on other hams to help with the classes.

Ed Roy wants to start a SkyWarn Training session starting in February, anyone interested:

Ric Wallace KF5KEL
 Karen Marshall KE5RPI
 Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
 Mark Saltzman KF5ENE
 George Donaldson AK2Q
 Elmer White KF5FNG
 Herman Campbell KN5GRK

Sunday, January 8th will be a Kid's Day on the air. Plan to get on the air and help the kids out.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
 AARA Secretary

January 2011 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club | 5 | 45 | Ø | 70 | N5LRZ Ray |
| AARA Monday Night Net | 5 | 58 | Ø | 145 | KF5ENE Mark |
| Acadiana ARES Net | 4 | 19 | Ø | 39 | N5LRZ Ray |
| HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest) | 2 | * M 4 / G 4 | Ø | 10 | KE5KJD Larry |

"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." -Dr. Seuss



Children's Museum of Acadiana Ham Classes

The Children's Museum of Acadiana (CMA) is currently hosting classes for amateur radio Technician License. Classes have been in session for a couple of weeks focused on Middle Class School students and parents. Good luck to all of the students and prospective hams.



**Happy Valentines to all!
Get off that radio and
have a QSO with your
Beau!**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

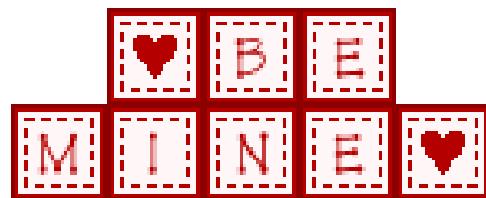
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| 2/3 | JIM | N5NVP |
| 2/4 | WESTON | KB5WI |
| 2/14 | TIM | N5RKK |
| 2/16 | GLENN | KD5NVVC |
| 2/17 | MITCHELL | KB5TWL |
| 2/24 | DANNY | KD5JSM |
| 3/3 | ED | KC5MMG |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

February 2012 Special Events & Contests

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| Feb 3-5 | Buddy Holly Special Events Station W5B 18.150, 14.260, 7.260, 3.860. 53rd anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly. |
| Feb 4 | Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club K3HWJ 14.330, 7.138, 3.845, 147.290 Commemorating Ground Hog Day. |
| Feb 4 | Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club 8.540, 21.340, 14.240, 7.240 Space Shuttle Columbia Special Event Station |
| Feb 14 | Granite Mountain Middle School and Yavapai Amateur Radio Club N7A 28.390, 21.335, 14.250, 7.250 Celebrating Arizona's 100th Birthday. |
| Feb 22 | Columbia Basin DX Club WS7G 28.450, 28.040, 18.135, 14.250, 14.042, 3.880 Celebrating George Washington's birthday. |

Refer to the February issue of QST (page 97) for additional information and more listings of contests and special events Stations.

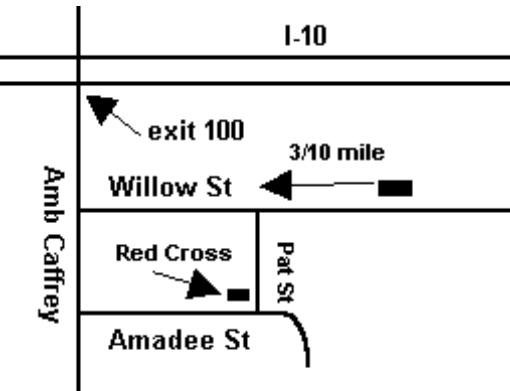


Club Elections

Know of anyone that you would like to see as an officer in the AARA? If so, talk to that person and if he/she is willing, nominate them at the February meeting. New officers will be installed at the March meeting after the Rayne Hamfest.

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Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>
 Hamfest: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>



Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
 Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

**COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE**



Chicken Tortilla Soup

From: Not by Bread Alone Cookbook

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Onion Diced | 1 can Black beans |
| 1 can Diced tomatoes | 1 1/2 cups Mixed vegetables |
| 1 tsp Vegetable oil | 1 1/2 cups Cooked chicken |
| 1 1/2 tsp Dried oregano | 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese shredded |
| 1 1/2 tsp Ground cumin | 3 Corn tortillas cut into 1/4" strips (bake for 10 minutes to crisp) |
| 2 cloves Garlic, minced | |
| 6 cups Chicken stock (3 cans) | |
| 1/2 tsp Salt | |

Sauté onions, dried oregano, ground cumin and minced garlic until vegetables are tender.

Stir in chicken stock, black beans, tomatoes, vegetables and salt; bring the mixture to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer for thirty minutes.

Add chicken and continue simmering for fifteen minutes.

Top with tortilla strips and cheese.

Send your favorite recipes to:
 Galen KF5BET
 galenw@cox.net

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245